

Rob Morris Charge

Also called the Walking Charge, The Royal Canadian Charge and in Indiana the Alternate Charge.

In Mason's lodge with darkened eyes
And a cable tow about you
You swore to Hele all mysteries
That Masons keep and Masons prize
The Brothers secrets whispered low
The words they speak, the things they do,
In mystic manner taught you.

On yonder book, that oath you took,
and you should break it never.
But stand by this, and this, forever and ever.

(1) (2) (3)

You swore to answer and obey
The Summons sent you duly
My Brothers hand or Lodge array,
You swore that you would never stray
From laws and rules that bound
Freemasons in the days renowned
But would observe them truly.

On yonder book that oath you took, and you should break it never,
But stand by this, and this, and this, forever and forever.

(4) (5) (6)

You swore in charity to care
For all with sorrow smitten,
The Brother on the darkened square,
The Widow, full of grief and care,
The sorrowing orphan doomed to stray
On life's cold path and cheerless way
While tears gush forth unbidden.

On yonder book that oath you took, and you should break it never,
But stand by this, and this, and this, forever and forever.

(7) (8) (9)

Your swore to deal in honesty
With each true heart around you
That honor bright should ever be
The unbroken bond, twixt him and thee'
Nor wrong, nor guile, nor cruel fraud
Should ever break or loose that holy chord
With which these vows have bound you.

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You swore the chastity to shield
Of women true and tender
A brothers wife, A brothers child
His mother, sister, Undefined
Those, pure of heart, whose love
Makes Mason's homes like heaven above
You are their sworn defender.

On yonder book, three oaths you took
and you should break them never
But stand by this, and this, and this,
forever and forever.

(10) (11) (12)

These are our vows, be these our care,
And may such light be given
In answer to our earnest prayer
That we may ever do or dare.
All that God's gracious laws enjoin
That, so, when shades of night decline.
We may be found in heaven.

On this fair book these vows we all took and we should break them never
But stand by this, and this, and this,
forever and forever.

(13) (14) (15)

At 1 the presenter takes STEP
At 2 the presenter shows EA sign
At 3 the presenter cuts EA sign
At 4 the presenter takes step
At 5 the presenter shows FC sign
At 6 the presenter discharges FC sign
At 7 the presenter takes step
At 8 the presenter shows MM sign
At 9 the presenter discharges MM sign and recovers
At 10 the presenter takes step, shows EA sign and cuts it
At 11 the presenter takes step, shows FC sign and discharges it
At 12 the presenter takes step, shows MM sign, discharges it and recovers
At 13 the presenter puts right hand on the V.O.S.L.
At 14 the presenter indicates the S & C's.
At 15 the presenter kneels & seals once on the V.O.S.L.

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